

Dr. J. G. Clark, Philadelphia (1907-1911); Dr. F. F. Simpson, Pittsburg (1907-1911); Dr. Frank Billings, Chicago (1907-1910); Dr. George H. Monks, Boston (1907-1910); Dr. L. S. McMurtry, Louisville, Ky. (1907-1909); Dr. Howard Kelly, Baltimore (1907-1909); Dr. L. Emmett Holt, New York (1907-1908).

Judicial Council—Dr. C. E. Cantrell, Texas; Dr. R. C. Cabot, Massachusetts; Dr. G. W. Guthrie, Pennsylvania; Dr. Thomas McDavitt, Minnesota; Dr. Charles J. Kipp, New Jersey.

## COUNTY SOCIETIES.

### SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

This Society held a special meeting at Gilroy on May 31st with an attendance of twenty-six physicians from Santa Clara and San Benito Counties. The physicians at Gilroy had charge of the meeting and several interesting topics were discussed, as well as a paper presented by Dr. Jonas Clark of Gilroy. Dr. Clark's paper was on "A Remarkable Case of Dermoid Cyst." After the meeting adjourned, those present were given a sumptuous banquet by the local physicians and a joyous good time was had, and it was with regret when it came time for us to depart for our homes.

The special meetings we now hold are becoming more and more looked forward to as the increase in attendance testifies.

Fraternally yours,

K. C. PARK, Secretary.

### PLACER COUNTY.

The Placer County Medical Society held its regular meeting in the Masonic Hall, Colfax, on the evening of June 8th.

Members present—Drs. R. F. Rooney, M. Schnabel, J. T. Jones, J. H. Mules, A. T. Hembree, R. A. Peels and G. H. Fay.

After the regular business of the Society had been attended to the members listened with great pleasure to a very able paper on the treatment of Erysipelas by Dr. Schnabel. The paper was freely discussed by all present. Dr. Jones presented two interesting specimens. One, a case of double congenital dislocation of the hips with cystic kidney and imperforate anus, the rectum emptying into the bladder. The child, a girl, lived about an hour after birth. The other specimen was an organized blood clot that had resulted from a ruptured tubal pregnancy. It had been carried in the abdomen for nearly eight months. The members then partook of a bountiful lunch provided by Dr. Peels.

The next meeting will be held in Colfax on the first Saturday in August.

G. H. FAY, Secretary.

### SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

The regular meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held May 31, 1907, at the residence of Dr. R. R. Hammond. Members present: Drs. J. D. Dameron, J. P. Hull, S. W. R. Langdon, J. J. Tully, R. R. Hammond, D. F. Ray, C. R. Harry, Margaret H. Smyth, Mary Taylor, Minerva Goodman and B. J. Powell.

Dr. Hammond read a paper on "Quarantine" and urged that there be some understanding with the fraternity as to the proper length of time for quarantine especially for diphtheritic cases. The paper was freely discussed and Dr. Ray made a motion to the following effect: That all cases of diphtheria be quarantined for a minimum time of two weeks after the diphtheritic membrane has ceased or until such time that a bacteriological examination proves the disappearance of the Klebs-Loeffler bacillus.

The secretary was instructed to send notices to all the members of the Society that such action had been taken. The secretary was further instructed to ascertain from the members what insurance companies they were examining for and what fee they were receiving, so that in the future we could do our utmost to demand the \$5.00 fee for life insurance examinations. After a banquet the Society adjourned to meet with Dr. Dameron in June.

BARTON J. POWELL, Secretary.

## PUBLICATIONS.

**The International Medical Annual: A Year Book of Treatment and Practitioners' Index.** 1907. Twenty-fifth year. New York. E. B. Treat & Company. Price \$3.00.

It is but a short time since the previous (belated) volume of this annual publication received commendation in these columns. What was said of its merits then might truthfully be repeated now. The book contains in a convenient form a condensation of a very large quantity of medical literature. The work rises often above the level of mere mechanical compilation, as it is generally done by men who practice what they write about. The Annual will be found useful for reading as well as for occasional reference. It will serve those well who have not access throughout the year to a large number of medical journals and those whose patience or zeal is insufficient to cope with the prolixity of many writers. By its aid the laggard may be brought speedily abreast of the times; in a few hours we may acquire some knowledge of Opsonins, Ductless Glands, Spirochetæ, and numerous other surgical and medical matters. Dr. Johnson said on a certain occasion: "If it rained knowledge I'd hold out my hand, but I would not give myself the trouble to go in quest of it." He who is similarly minded may obtain information here almost as easily as if it were pluvially conveyed.

**A Text-Book of Human Physiology.** By Dr. Robert Tigerstedt, Professor of Physiology in the University of Helsingfors, Finland. Translated from the Third German Edition and Edited by John R. Murlin, A. M., Ph. D., Assistant Professor of Physiology in the University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York City. With an Introduction to the English Edition by Professor Graham Lusk, Ph. D., F. R. S. (Edin.) New York and London: D. Appleton & Company. 1906.

The recent advances made in physiology have revolutionized the subject to such an extent that the physician must constantly review the newer work. He will find for this purpose no better book of its size than Tigerstedt's Physiology, which gives a complete, succinct, and excellent view of the subject to date. Of the text, the chapters on Metabolism and Nutrition, and Circulation, are especially worthy of consideration, as it is in the investigation of these particular problems that the author has gained much of his reputation. In the portion devoted to Digestion he cites and reviews the latest and most important work done on this subject. The physiology of the Nervous System has actually been made entertaining reading and is most comprehensive in its scope. The work cannot be too highly recommended. The post-graduate as well as the undergraduate will find it of great value, while the general practitioner will welcome its good arrangement, illustrations, and ease of references. J. B. F.